

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 8 Day Islamic And Cultural Turkey Tour

Eyup Sultan Mosque - Blue Mosque - Topkapi Palace - Green Mosque - Green Tomb - Gallipoli - Troy - Pergamon - Ephesus



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

€ 330 € 330

**DURATION**

8 days

**TOUR ID**

269

## ITINERARY

**Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day**

Meet at the airport Transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 2 : Istanbul Islamic and Sahabe Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast at 08:30, we have Istanbul Islamic and Sahabe Tour. Istanbul is the center of religion for centuries. After the ottoman period, Islamic Religion spreaded throughout the city. The first mosque in Istanbul was built in Kadikoy on the Asian side of the city, which was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1353. The first mosque on the European side of Istanbul was built inside the Rumeli Castle in 1452. The first grand mosque which was built in the city proper is the Eyup Sultan Mosque (1458). Next to Eyup Sultan Mosque we will visit the tombs of the Sahabe, which is very famous in Turkey by being the first generation of Muslims, who had come as far as Istanbul and besieged the city. The small Sahabe Cemetery just outside Egrikapi Gate may seem like a standard Muslim cemetery. The Süleymaniye Mosque becomes most meaningful when understood in its historical and cultural context. It was built during the latter part of Süleyman's long and prosperous reign, which stretched from 1520 to 1566. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 3 : Istanbul - Bursa Tour**

After breakfast at 07:30am depart from the hotel and drive to Bursa for a daily guided tour in Bursa. Today we will visit Bursa with all famous and Islamic heritage places. We will visit to Ulucamii (Great Mosque), Cumalikizik Village, Green Mosque, Green Tomb, Ozdilek Factory. After Bursa City tour we depart back for Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 4 : Istanbul City Tour**

Breakfast Included

Pick up at 08:30 am from your hotel for the daily tour of old Istanbul city. Visit to ST. SOPHIA This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. TOPKAPI PALACE The great palace of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries housing an exquisite collection of crystal, silver, and Chinese porcelain, robes worn by the sultans and their families, the famous jewels of the Imperial Treasury, miniatures, the Holy Mantle; enshrining relics of the Prophet Mohammed. SULTANAHMET IMPERIAL MOSQUE Across from St. Sophia built in the 16th century by the architect Mehmet, is known as the BLUE MOSQUE because of its magnificent interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME Ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races, with the three monuments; the Obelisk of Theodosius, the bronze Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine. Lunch break at 13:00pm and after the lunch, Murtis Tour will take you to the Grand Spice Bazaar which is a unique atmosphere with reasonable prices for your shopping on many Exotic Spices and Herbs, Turkish Baklava, Turkish Delights, Turkish Coffee, nuts and fruits, small souvenirs such as Ceramic Handicrafts, Evil Eyes totems, all naturel olive oil, soaps and many other goods in Souvenir Shops and stores. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

## **Day 5 : Gallipoli Tour**

Breakfast Included

07:30 am, we depart for Gallipoli to visit the battle fields. Two hours later we will give you 20 minutes for relax in a restaurant area. We arrive Gallipoli around 12:00am and we have lunch break, relax a little bit and then depart for the battle fields. Visit Gabatepe Museum. Start visiting the fields with Ariburnu Cemetery and Anzac Cove because these are the places where the war had started. Then Beach Cemetery, Shrapnel Valley and Plugges Plateau. After the tour drive to your hotel. Overnight in Canakkale.

## **Day 6 : Troy Tour - Pergamon - Kusadasi**

Breakfast Included

We depart at 08:30 and drive 30 minutes to Troy. Visit the famous archeological and mythological site of Troy, home of the Trojan Horse and Helen of Troy. After Troy tour, 3 hour drive to Pergamon. Lunch break around 13:00pm and after the lunch depart for tour of the magnificent acropolis of Pergamon. Its impressive temples and library made it a renowned cultural and political centre at that times. Pergamon is a famous city for its jewelry, stones and silver. So on the way, we will visit a jewelry center for 30 minutes. Arrival to Kusadasi around 18:00pm. Overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 7 : Kusadasi - Ephesus Tour - Turkish Village Sirince**

Breakfast Included

08:30 Departure from hotel fully guided tour of Ephesus, one of the best preserved ancient sites in the world en-route, visiting the Temple of Artemis, Curetes street, famous Roman baths, Celsus Library, Grand theatre and House of the Virgin Mary. Lunch break around 13:00pm. After the lunch, we will visit a place which continues to perform one of the oldest arts of Turkey; a carpet weaving centre. After Lunch we will do a Turkish Village Tour. Sirince's construction style today belongs to Anatolian Greeks. The houses on the slope are all original with their white paints. Sirince Village also has a fantastic reputation for making some of the best fruit wines in Turkey – that are non-alcoholic. We will visit the vineyards and it is time to learn how to make fruit wine with Turkish wine makers. In the evening you will be tested about your knowledge of making fruit wine. On the way we will visit one of the famous leather production centers of the region, where you will have the opportunity to get a good factory rate. On this guided tour, you will avoid the constant nagging and sometimes bullying that is well known in the markets of Turkey. Enabling you to enjoy the shopping experience whilst gaining the knowledge of the ancient craftsmen Overnight in Kusadasi.

## **Day 8 : Kusadasi - Izmir to Istanbul - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

Today, we depart for Izmir Airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Guided Ephesus tour
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- Return airport transfer
- 7 open buffet very rich continental breakfasts
- 1 night hotel in Canakkale
- Guided Gallipoli tour
- Guided Acropolis of Pergamon tour
- Guided Troy tour
- Domestic flight ticket from Izmir to Istanbul
- Guided Bursa City tour
- 4 nights' accommodation hotel in Istanbul
- Guided Istanbul Islamic and Sahabe Tour
- 3 dinners
- 7 open buffet breakfasts
- Return airport transfer to Istanbul Airport

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- City tax
- Tipping
- Domestic flight from Izmir to Istanbul

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

16 October, 2019 - 15 March, 2021 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday